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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before the first line of the specification and after the title kindly insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a national stage filing of International Publication Number WO/00/37641 filed December 21, 1999 which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Applications 60/124967 and 60/164131 filed March 18, 1999 and November 8, 1999 respectively both entitled "Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-X"--.

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